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BIRDS OF THE SAME FEATHER It's well worth reprinting the brown boobies of Tubbataha as photographed by Mahyn Calingan when he went bird-watching with ornithologists from the World Wide Fund for Nature in that bird sanctuary islet in Palawan. Also along were British author Tim Fisher, author of "Guide to the Birds of the Philippines" and "Photographic Guide to Birds of the Philippines."

Int'l manhunt on for Ping

Interpol 'red notice' to nab him on sight

By Tina G. Santos, Marlon Ramos and Michael Lim Ubac

THE INTERPOL IS SEEING RED.

Sen. Panfilo Lacson may be arrested on sight in any of the 188 member-countries of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) once he is included in the "red notice" list, according to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

Ricardo Diaz, spokesperson of the NBI and chief of its Counter-Terrorism Division, said the bureau would file on Monday a letter of request to the Interpol to include Lacson in the "red notice" list.

"We're doing our best to track him down. But based on experience, we will easily get feedback once the subject is on the Interpol red notice list. It will be quick, unless he is stationary in one place," Diaz said.

The "red notice," one of seven color-coded lists that the Interpol issues to share information with its members and allow an arrest warrant to be circulated worldwide, requests the provisional arrest of wanted persons, with a view to extradition.

"It will depend on the laws of the country where he is spotted ... but in most of the member-countries of the Interpol, he may be arrested on sight," Claro de Castro Jr., chief of the NBI Interpol Division, said of Lacson.

If there is no extradition treaty with the country where Lacson is staying, the Philippines may request that he be brought or sent back through diplomatic channels, De Castro said, adding:

"Other countries may only alert us about sightings of the subject; others may immediately deport him to the Philippines."

Diaz said the NBI was coordinating closely with the foreign intelligence community to track Lacson down.

"Senator Lacson surely knows how the cooperation among the Interpol member-countries works. He headed Interpol Manila when he was the chief of the Philippine National Police," Diaz pointed out.

INT'L/A6

Automated mock polls 'almost perfect'; Rizal wins

By Kristine L. Alave and Julie M. Aurelio

NATIONAL HERO JOSE RIZAL DEFEATed Emilio Aguinaldo, the country's first president, in the race for the presidency in mock polls conducted yesterday by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to road test the country's first-ever automated election system.

About two hours after the polls closed at 10 a.m., the "congressional board of canvassers" at the Comelec head office declared Rizal and Marcelo del Pilar the presidential and vice presidential winners.

Officials from the Comelec and the system's supplier declared the mock polls, held in nine polling precincts in four cities, a success.

"I would say it was almost perfect," said Comelec Chair Jose Melo.

The mock polls were held in Quezon City (New Era Elementary School), Taguig (Maharlika Elementary School and Gen. Ricardo Papa Memorial High School), Baguio City (Pines City National High School and Community Youth Center), Cebu City (Subaco Community School and Mabini Elementary School) and Davao City (Alejandra Navarro Elementary School and Generoso Elementary School).

Fifty registered voters participated in each precinct. The voting period ran

AUTOMATED/A6

'Fearless' meets 'fair' in PDI presidential forum

By John Mary

THE CAMPAIGN OPERATIVE OF A candidate who shall remain unidentified all but rushed this newspaper's invitation to participate in a presidential debate.

"Can you guarantee us," he snarled at the Inquirer employee who delivered the invitation about a month ago, "that you won't spin the debate as pro-Noynoy?"

The answer is "Yes, of course"—and the operative's candidate evidently agreed. He is one of the eight presidential candidates who have reconfirmed their attendance in "Inquirer 1st Edition: The Presidential Debate."

(The newspaper is expecting former President Joseph Estrada, the first candidate to accept the invitation, to reconfirm his attendance before the debate gets under way at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the UP Theater in Diliman, Quezon City.)

In reverse alphabetical order, the candidates are Sen. Manuel Villar, Bro. Eddie Villanueva, ex-Defense Secretary Gilberto "Gibo" Teodoro, Nicanor Perlas, Sen. Jamby Madrigal, Sen. Richard Gordon, Councilor John Carlos "JC" de los Reyes and Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III. Estrada would be the ninth.

They will face a panel of nine panelists: Inquirer columnists Dean Raul Pangalangan, Fr. Joaquin Bernas SJ and Inquirer senior reporter Fe Zamora; columnists Rina Jimenez-David

FEARLESS/A4

This Stateside
Macapagal is campaigning for Noynoy here

By Lito Gutierrez
Contributor

FREMONT, CA—SNUG IN THE SUPPLE seat of his gleaming milk-white S Class Mercedes and tapping on the walnut and leather trim of its steering wheel to the beat of '80s soft-rock ditties, Michael Macapagal is a picture of the fulfillment of the American dream.

The owner of a thriving title insurance business, Macapagal should be gearing up for the imminent upswing in the real estate industry. Instead he is preparing for a trip to the Philippines to join his father rally support for the presidential run of Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III.

Macapagal is the president and CEO of Daly City-based First Southwestern Escrow, the largest ethnic minority-owned titling outfit (it makes sure for both the lender and the property buyer that the title is "clean") in California. His father, Teddy Macapagal, is a human-rights lawyer, a former mayor of Olongapo City, and a "distant cousin" of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"My dad was GMA's lawyer when she ran for vice president and I remember

THIS STATESIDE/A4



Apo sings same old tune for peace

By TJ Burgonio

IF NOTHING ELSE WORKS, CALL A MUSICAL group.

After years of trying to broker a peace deal with secessionist rebels in Mindanao, the government has tapped the Apo Hiking Society to promote a public dialogue on the peace agreement that it hopes to hammer out by June.

No, the trio of Jim Paredes, Danny Javier

APO SINGS/A4

Jessie Lichauco at 98: Feasting by the Pasig, dances with memories

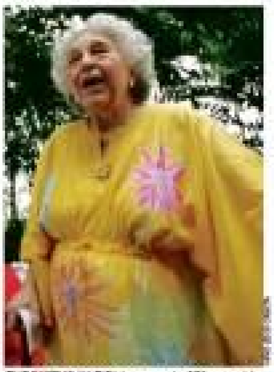
By Sunshine Lichauco de Leon
Contributor

WHEN SOMEONE ASKED THE "BIRTHDAY GIRL" TO DANCE, her fair skin almost blushed and a dreamy look came over her gray-green eyes. She said, "thank you, but I am dancing with my memories."

Together with a hundred guests of all ages and from all corners of life, Jessie Lichauco celebrated her 98th birthday last Jan. 30.

Talented 7-year-old Hannah sang the Philippine National Anthem in the garden of an ancient house along the Pasig River. The Jessie then personally greeted each guest with an energetic smile and spry movements, her ageless body moving in rhythm with the live big band music provided by The Executives, whose selection of music from days gone by provided backdrop to the ever-flowing conversation.

JESSIE/C1



THE BIRTHDAY GIRL between the 250-year-old Banyan tree and the Pasig River of her affections

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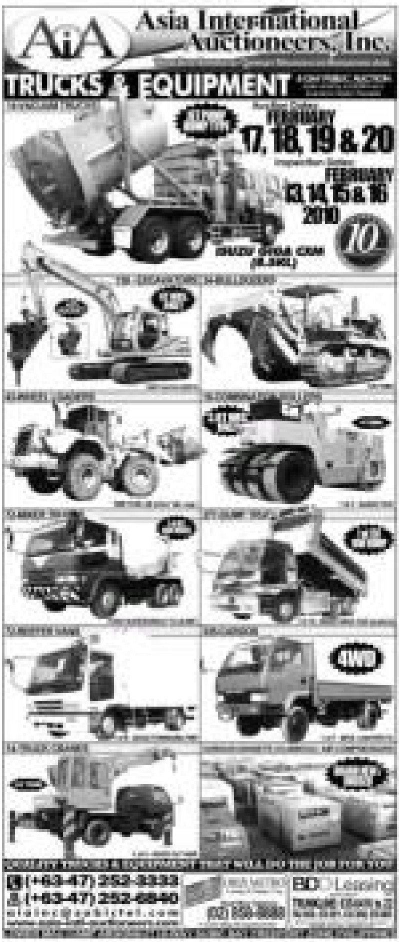
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43 suspected Reds nabbed in Morong

Resort owner says they were health workers attending training seminar

CAMP VICENTE LIM, LAGUNA—STATE FORCES YESTERDAY raided a resort in Morong, Rizal, owned by a prominent Manila doctor and arrested 43 suspected communist rebels attending a training seminar.

PCGG admits making deal with Marcos pal



Hong Kong bullish on RP consumer market

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE PHILIPPINES remained a resilient consumer market among members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) because of its "robust domestic market," according to the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC).

The country report of the HKTDC, an arm of the autonomous Chinese territory that analyzes the potentials of various overseas markets, was released by the Philippine consulate in Hong Kong to the Department of Foreign Affairs over the weekend.

The country profile on the Philippines titled, "The Philippines—A resilient consumer market in Asean," published late last month, provided basic information on the current state of the Philippine economy following the global financial crisis.

The report said that unlike other Asean economies, the Philippines had not been hit by the worldwide economic crunch because it had a lower percentage of its economy tied to exports (about 28 percent of total GDP in 2008).

Also, its consumption rate as a percentage of the GDP was relatively high at around 70 percent as of 2008.

"The country has two engines of growth which have helped it weather the global financial crisis, namely, the remittances of overseas Filipino workers and the growth of the business process outsourcing (BPO) industry which fuels the economy's high domestic consumption rate," the report said.

Unlike other emerging markets, the Philippines has a well-developed retail market and, as such, can provide a means by which Hong Kong companies can penetrate the Philippine market, the report stressed.

And because of the proximity of the Philippines to Hong Kong and the large Filipino population working in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Filipinos have a high awareness of Hong Kong brands, the report said.

The report likewise noted that Hong Kong attracts many Filipinos—as consumers who regularly shop in the city and as traders seeking to network with potential sellers and buyers in the trade fairs held in Hong Kong.

The report, however, warned that despite the Philippines' strong domestic economy, it was still susceptible to the external economy which could still pose a risk for investors.





Adviser to GMA sees 4% growth

LEGAZPI CITY—THE economy will grow by four percent in the first two quarters of the year because of a strong monetary policy and election spending, according to a top economic analyst.

"Given emerging trends, combined with a conducive monetary policy and election spending, the Philippine economy is well on track to achieve 3.5 to 4 percent growth in the first two quarters," Albay Gov. Joey Salceda, one of President Macapagal-Arroyo's economic advisers, said.

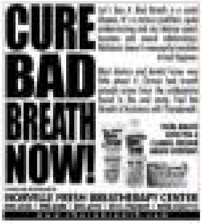
He said the growth of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the fourth quarter last year would have been 2.9 percent were it not for the impact of Tropical Storms "Ondoy" and "Pepeng."

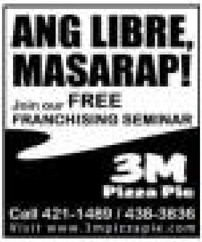
A National Statistical Coordination Board report said the country's GDP grew by 1.8 percent in the fourth quarter of last year while the gross national product (GNP) grew by 2.4 percent.

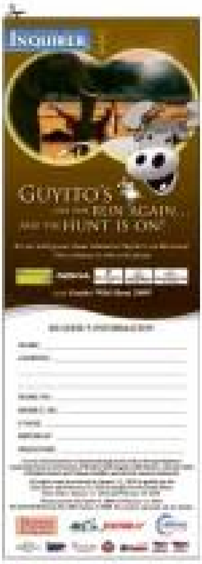
GDP, the market value of all final goods and services, is a measure of the country's overall economic output. GNP is the total value of all final goods and services produced by a country within a year, plus the income earned by its citizens (including the income of those abroad), minus the income of nonresidents located in the country.

Salceda said last year's outcomes were way below those in 2008, which posted a 3.8 percent growth in GDP and 6.7 percent in GNP.

Better economic prospects for this year may be due to the large remittances of overseas Filipino workers, which posted a record 11 percent growth in November. *Mar S. Arguelles, Inquirer Southern Luzon*









'Fearless' meets 'fair' . . .

Lucky 9

Lessons learned

Fairness safeguards

Harvard PhDs

Pastor and Habito

This Stateside Macapagal is campaigning for Noynoy

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Ex-GMA backers, financiers

Taking off to campaign

Targeting 100,000 Fil-Ams

Other candidates favored



Two Batches Graduate from Business Training Program

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Interact at dialogues

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Reflective dialogue

Burma polls a likely farce, says Romulo





Behave, you may get reprieve, DFA tells 'drug mules'

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Retired bishop: Ping has no means to defend self

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'Like a man'

Go easy on him

Face up to it



Int'l manhunt on for Ping in 188 countries

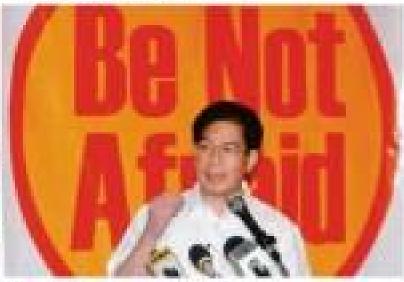
'Harder to blend abroad'

House to house

3 tracker teams

Dec. 27 sighting

Once close



Prioritize information bill, Nograles urged

QC cops give to kids with cancer

Thieves take ₱3M in Tondo

Disappointment in Taguig: Vote counting machine jams

Ambiguous markings

No guidelines

Forgot indelible ink

Another round, please

Automated mock polls 'almost perfect'; Rizal wins presidency







Transmission less than 2 minutes

Smooth voting

Actual list

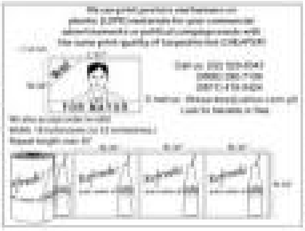
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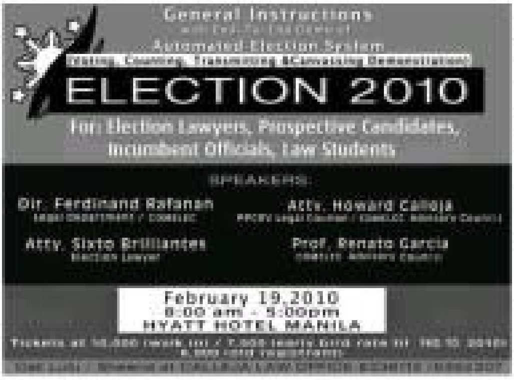
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Wrong-way driver hits MMDA men, cars, motorcycles on Edsa



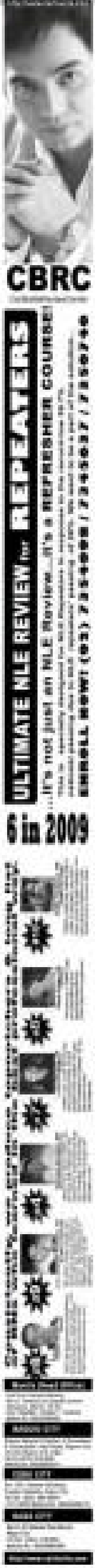


Cops seize fake Crocs



THE DAILY GOSPEL





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How to lower the cost of power

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Artemio V. Panganiban

The guns of Gibo



METHOD TO MADNESS

Patricia Evangelista

New meanings, new stories



AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

No time to put climate science on ice



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Get ready for the May 10 polls

Automation

Election calendar

Prohibited acts

Powers of the Comelec

Ads, posters, streamers

Absentee voting, dual citizens

Spending limits

VOTERS, PCOS, BALLOTS

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8.5 x 25

POSITIONS AT STAKE

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137

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1,497

1,497

11,980

Across the NATION
Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

El Niño losses seen to reach ₱700M

BACOLOD CITY—THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRIculture (DA) is projecting losses of up to ₱700 million in rice and corn farms if no steps were taken to reduce the impact of El Niño on farms in Negros Occidental.



THE SUPPLY

'Lumad' press for ouster of exec in mine fee mess

No reply

Mandated share

Graft cases

18 employers' groups oppose ₱50 pay hike in W. Visayas



PEACE, BRO

Plan to hike Negros power rates dropped

Chicharon Festival: Not for the weak of heart

Mayor Bartolome Ramos estimated the industry to be worth P3 million

HOMETOWN Snapshots

INQUIRER Mindanao



THE J. MARQUEZ School of Peace in Cotabato City appeals to Muslims and Christians as work hand in hand to achieve peace. The school's success is encouraging teachers and students to bring the learning of peace to a wider audience in Mindanao.

School shows way to peace in Mindanao

Cotabato City

SHOCKED AND TOO SCARED to cry, Zuhari Abdul watched as his father, then a gun-for-hire, execute a man and get paid a sack of rice. He soon developed hatred toward his father.

Healthier world

Peace at home

Chain reaction

Pangasinan folk wary of absence of voters' list near deadline

Polls not in limelight in GMA Pampanga visit

Going gaga over BPO

Donated computers

9th Pampanga visit



CAMPAIGN FUN

Top senatorial bet makes pitch for Gibo among voters in Cavite

Binay ventures out into LP territory in Capiz



EUREKA MOMENT

Text scam puts Cotabato mayor, police on alert

Message

Police warning

Candidates told to spare Sierra Madre


Globe
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ASTIG TAYO DITO!
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GLOBE TATTOO AND TM ROCK DINAGYANG!
The streets of Iloilo City came alive as foreign and local tourists gathered to watch in awe the colorful parades marking the Dinagyang Festival, the Philippines' annual celebration in honor of Senor Sto. Nino.
Leading telco Globe, a major sponsor of the 41st Dinagyang celebration, matched the high-energy event with electrifying concerts featuring two of the most explosive bands in the local music scene: Parokya ni Edgar, a much-loved endorser of Globe's TM brand, and Kamikazee.
Thousands of Ilonggos filled the Gaisano Lapaz parking lot, with the excited crowd overflowing into nearby areas, eager to join the numerous games, raffles and entertainment at TM's Astigfest concert. The Davao-based Euphonic band served as the front act for Parokya ni Edgar, as fans shouted for more of the band's popular novelty rock hits.
Globe put up festive selling booths offering an array of Globe mobile and broadband products. In the spirit of the festivities, special Dinagyang caps and shirts were given free for every SIM and load purchase at all the Globe mall booths in Gaisano Lapaz, Robinsons Iloilo, The Atrium and Marymart Mall.
Another sought-after rock band, Kamikazee, conquered Globe Tattoofied, a rave party and hip-hop dance competition at Boardwalk-Smallville. The first Tattoofied event in Iloilo not only treated the crowd to a fantastic concert, but also to free pictures at the Photo booth, free henna tattoos for a personal style statement, and free internet access at the lounge for them to experience and share the hip Tattoo lifestyle with their friends.
Globe banners decorated Iloilo City, lining the parade route and performance areas, showing Globe's enthusiastic and unwavering support for Dinagyang, an annual extravaganza which has earned its rightful place among top festivals in the Department of Tourism's Hall of Fame.
www.globe.com.ph/tattoo

Aplus METRO

Editor Abelardo S. Ulanday

Baywalk offers newest come-on

Nostalgia on the menu

By Tina G. Santos

PROMENADERS NOW HAVE another reason to hang around the Baywalk strip on Roxas Boulevard, apart from enjoying the famed Manila Bay sunset.

Every Saturday until March 6, families and tourists on weekend strolls can now watch cultural performances for free at the sea-lined walkway right across Rajah Sulayman Park.

"Sining at Kalinangan sa Baywalk" features cultural dancers and musicians from the city's public elementary and high schools.

The presentations, held from 5 to 7 p.m., are made even more enchanting as it uses the sun setting on Manila Bay as backdrop.

Dr. Ponciano Menguito, Division of City Schools superintendent, said the program is a revival of the program initiated by Mayor Alfredo Lim when he assumed office in 2007.

Concept

The cultural show is Lim's concept of "wholesome" entertainment, Menguito added.

At the onset of his second term as mayor, Lim ordered the dismantling of restaurants and bars on Baywalk—a project of his predecessor, former Environment Secretary Lito Atienza—because of complaints from nearby residents about the noise created by loud band music playing in the area. Atienza is one of the contenders for the mayoral post in the coming May elections, along with former Philippine National Police chief, Avelino "Sonny" Razon.

Lim admitted that Atienza's idea was applauded at first, but complaints started coming in after watering holes sprouted one after the other, raising the noise decibels and compounded by raucous music. He added that he banned the sale of liquor in the strip because of an ordinance prohibiting the drinking of alcoholic beverages in public places.

Revival

The mayor also blamed the stalls for adding trash to the already polluted Manila Bay. He added that an estimated P7 million in unpaid dues has yet to be collected by the Manila City Treasurer's Office from bar owners that used to operate in Baywalk.

The Baywalk is becoming a hot election topic in Manila, with Lim and Atienza issuing opposing statements about the project.

But while Atienza vowed to resurrect the project if he is back in the saddle, Lim is reviving entertainment in the area with the help of musicians and student bands.

"Sining at Kalinangan" is a cultural program intended to entertain the public and their families," the mayor said. "In instead of scantily-clad dancers and loud band music, it should therefore feature shows and activities fit only for family entertainment."

Lim added that the program, which coincides with the celebration of the National Arts Month, aims to promote among the public, especially the youth, a love of their

BAYWALK/A20

Baywalk offers newest come-on



'FISCALLY SOUND'

No budget deficit, Makati crows

Citizens' group bats for change



GLOBAL Pinoy

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Having their cake of good fortune and eating it too

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THIS YEAR, MARY JANE FARRALES AND HER husband Joseph will get to live the dream of every migrant Filipino worker—to have their own home away from home.



Promoted four times

Reality bites

Taking a cab

Rubbish

Australian weather

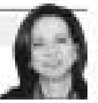
Getting depressed

Boring job

She's now a boss

On a weekend

When two men fall in love—and get married



IMFO
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10,000 gay couples

Up to the Supreme Court

Immigration benefits

Conservative justices

Are we ready?

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo R. Abesco

Worst over? US jobless rate dips to 9.7%

THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNEXPECTEDLY dipped to 9.7 percent in January, from 10 percent in December, the government reported on Friday, buoying hopes that the worst job market in at least a quarter-century is finally improving.

"The economy is continuing to improve," said John E. Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Charlotte, N.C. "You don't have a boom, but you have an economy in recovery. It's a positive sign."

AFP

Stores 'ransacked' amid US 'Snowpocalypse'

WASHINGTON—AS THE SECOND big snowstorm of the winter began ...

AFP

WorldBriefs

Blast in crowd kills 41 Shiite pilgrims in Iraq

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Twin blasts in Pakistan's Karachi kill 25

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'Millionaire' pay for air traffic controllers

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4 MPs face charges in British expenses scandal

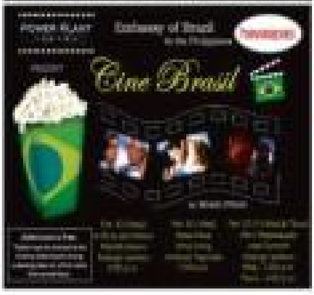
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North Korea frees US missionary

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US Baptists denied conditional release

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Sunday SPORTS



Texters uncertain

Talk 'N Text can't say if team will play on Sunday; Ranidel draws suspension

'Cancer Warrior' beaded for Lipa



Ardina edges Ikeda, rules Southern golf



Will Texters show up on Sunday?

IN HUDDLE



FEU spikers still 2nd; Lady Falcons score



Que shares fifth spot as Pucay slips

RACING TIPS

Young logs first drag victory

ICTSI jungolf resumes at Valley, Riviera



Pierce, Allen: Hard work ticket for NBA dreamers

By Francis T.J. Ochoa

Indonesia, Singapore target ABL finals slot

By Jasmine W. Payo



Denver leaves it to Chauncey

Billups helps Nuggets raze Lakers

Let NSAs form Asiad RP team, says POC

By Marc Anthony Reyes



MARTELINO

WORLD TEAM POOL

Orcollo powers Team RP to semis



ORCOLLO

Sportswatch

Solar airs Winter games

Inter-Collegiate golf today

Turalba posts strong Pagcor finishes



TURALBA

Sunday SPORTS

Clottey given tips on how to break Pacman

FORCE MANNY PACQUIAO TO FIGHT inside, wear down his body and keep him on the ropes.

That's the unsolicited advice Ghanaian Joshua Clottey got from former light middleweight and middleweight champion John David Jackson.

In an interview by Fighthype.com on Thursday, Jackson said "Pacquiao is not a good inside fighter… and he also can't fight off the ropes. Clottey has to capitalize on that. If he can do that, he can beat him."

Jackson, now a trainer, in referring to Clottey's chances of taking away Pacquiao's World Boxing Organization welterweight crown which will be at stake when they tangle on March 13 at the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Jackson, who previously took potshots at the Filipino ring icon for not taking on black fighters, added that Clottey also needs to apply constant pressure throughout the 12-round bout to boost his chances.

"Pacquiao has no quit in him and he will fight for three minutes of every round," said Jackson. "He's going to fight you, he's going to bring the fight to you."

Analyzing Clottey's past performances, Jackson, however, noted that the Ghanaian seems to be incapable of a relentless attack.

According to Jackson, Clottey "fights in spurts." That is he can be domineering in one stage and then inexplicably eases up on his opponent.



MANNY Pacquiao has no quit in him, says former champion John David Jackson.

Still, Jackson believes that if Clottey can use his strengths, and find the right people and the right program, he stands a good chance of unseating Pacquiao as pound-for-pound king.

Sunday Biz

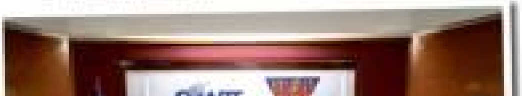


PBSP steps up drive vs poverty



Bulacan Leads the way

SMART Bro Enterprise powers one of the best local government units.





Reversing negative momentum

A LEADER'S WAY



John C. Maxwell

600 Ayala employees plant trees in Nuvali



In Pangasinan, there's now a town of milk and money







PBSP steps updrive vs poverty



GOINGS-ON

Subic hosts Micecon 2010

LBC offers new service







Spa merges with natural medicine

By Lynett A. Villariba

IN THESE DAYS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRA-dation, health maintenance no longer means just an occasional visit to the hospital, but also a regular trip to the spa to de-stress.

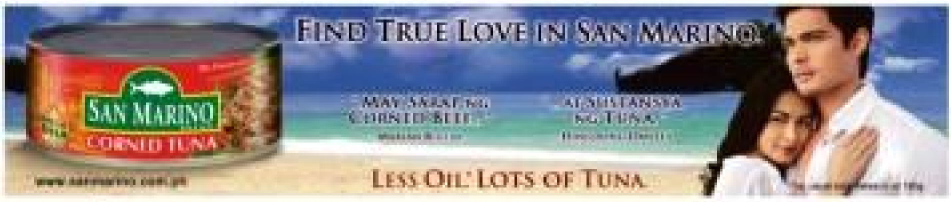


Hot coal from coco waste spells cold cash for couple



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Sunday LIFESTYLE





Jessie Lichauco at 98: 'I am dancing with my memories'

'I am at the age of self-preservation,' my grandmother says. 'A sense of humor is very important.'

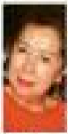
Curiosity, adventure, love



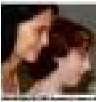


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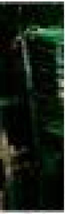








The older woman



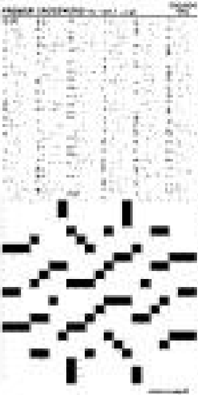


Should she go steady with a nice man with no stable job?





Sunday Crossword





Sunday LifeStyle

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Fun Sunday afternoon with handsome men and cars



Tessa!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

A wide-brimmed Ascot and floral pink sundress –the perfect attire for watching polo











Fun Sunday afternoon with handsome men and cars





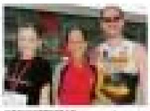


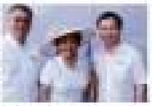




Cory Aquino tribute

Healthy lifestyle run















First Gentleman's 'Bagong Puso' project saves 24 lives

FG's own experience



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World Day of the Sick



Song of Joseph, the Musical

Fundacion Escaño restores clan's mausoleum, launches family book



Jaime Picornell

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 19TH CENTURY, a young man from Cantabria went to Lepe to learn the olive trade. Thus began the saga of Don Fernando Escaño. From Tacloban in the north, he moved to Maasin to the south. He sired a few children before his marriage to Agustina Ferlosa, with whom he had 10.

Doña Agustina came from the small municipality of Malitbog on the shores of Sogod Bay. This town flourished when the Escaño couple made it the capital of their expanding business empire—abaca, shipping, real estate, coconut plantations, etc.

They built Casa Escaño facing the bay. It was a huge house with numerous rooms, furnished with the elegance of the period. There they lived with children, their spouses, grandchildren and guests who came to attend family celebrations. The guests were brought from Cebu onboard the Escaño ships, which also served as lodging when there were many visitors.

The feasting was ever highlighted by theatricals and musicals. Don Aparicio Escaño, who had studied art in Europe, took charge of the backdrops with his oil-on-canvas paintings. His brother Don Lorenzo and wife Doña Piling took care of the music, maintaining a band for the purpose.

Thus was Southern Leyte exposed to "La Viuda Alegre," "Gigantes y Cabezudos," "Molinos de Viento," "El Conde de Luxembourg," "La Rosa del Azafran" and other zarzuelas, including "La Geisha." The Spanish dialogues of these musicals were translated to Cebuano, but the songs all remained in Spanish.

In 1920, Don Aparicio built his own Villa Margarita named in honor of his wife, in the style of an Italian palazzo. The ceilings and walls were painted in Art Nouveau style by Don Aparicio himself. In front of the house was a formal garden with hedges and fountains. A wonderland of every fruit tree imaginable was in the back portion.

Casa Escaño, Villa Margarita, other grand houses, Malitbog and its surrounding areas figure prominently in the book "American Guerrilla in the Philippines," later made into a movie starring Tyrone Power in the title role. [illegible] was the love interest Curly (in real life married [illegible]). [illegible] in the 1950s, being what it was, Malitbog was out of the question as location site.

World War II, with its carnage, intrigue and treachery which are all depicted in the book, changed the life of Malitboganons, specially the Escaño family. The celebrations continued, the zarzuelas, too, but something had gone, and it would never return.

In January 1957, Casa Escaño mysteriously burned on a particularly hot afternoon. There was no water to fight the fire. Family members, too stunned to say a word, just watched the blaze, tears streaming from their eyes.

It was duly reported in the New York Times not just for its fame in the novel but because the Escaño international abaca trading office was located on its ground floor. What remains today are the brick walls of the ground floor.

Miracle

Villa Margarita still stands, a miracle in itself after a strong typhoon almost blew it away in 1982. It is lived in by Ramon and Maria Pilar Escaño who, with their daughter Ana Maria, try their best to keep it up.

The travel book "Lonely Planet" once dedicated a whole page to Villa Margarita. Since Ana has refused the curious company into what is, after all, a private residence, there is but a [illegible] mention, and a bit [illegible] of it, in recent editions.

We would need pages upon pages to make a family tree of the Escaño clan, and that is just what the descendants of Don Fernando did in 1980 with the intention of putting it into a book, published in 1987. That was also the year of the clan's first grand reunion.

Ingrid Sala Santamaria, granddaughter of Pedro Bebing Escaño Sala, played the piano, and others featured in various Broadway excerpts, like Angging Lhuillier finishing in a "South Pacific" number, and a whole bevy of long-legged gals kicking up "One" from "A Chorus Line."

Reunions have been regularly held in varied venues under the aegis of Fundacion Escaño, whose first project was to restore the Escaño mausoleum in Malitbog. The domed structure has two levels—a ground floor for the burial vaults, and an upper terrace with a chapel that has a marble Pieta from Italy. Malitbog's people call it [illegible], and those who drive past stop for a photo op.

Latest reunion

The latest reunion was a few weeks back, at the ballroom of the Casino Español de Cebu. There was a large attendance that roared approval at the evening's program—a 'takeoff' from "Mamma Mia," with all those Abba songs, ably directed by [illegible].

The Aldecoas and [illegible] Escaño were the leading voices, interpreting the various highlights. Alex Escaño, as president of the Fundacion, along with first cousin Angel E. Velez Jr., informed all that quite a chunk of real estate that belonged to Don Fernando has been traced and has augmented the organization's assets.

Anna Marie Corominas DePili shared slides of the new updated book on the Escaño family which will be launched in 2010 with the latest genealogical chartering. Resil Mojares, who wrote the original, has also been involved in the new, with more historical insights and a wealth of additional photos.

Priced at P2,500 per copy, reservations were made that very night, and more since then. It is not just Escaño descendants who are interested but many more, several antiquarians included. Anna Marie says it is printed on paper that will last for centuries.

The "Mamma Mia" show was true to Escaño style in form and content. Undisputed stars were Margarita Lhuillier, Margarita Santamaria and [illegible] Garcia, no less than the president of the Arts Council. [illegible] Corominas was in every dance number. Her daughter [illegible] sang divinely, and so did Josie Sala and [illegible] when they rendered "Chiquitita."

People in the audience sang along, practically to every number, especially the finale, "Thank You for the Music," for the curtain call, to a reprise of "Dancing Queen." This in drag was absolutely hilarious.

Dancing then began in earnest, never mind if you had a partner or not, so much so that the line dance had to spill on to the carpet. It was at this point that [illegible] started a long conga line that went hopping between tables and back to the dance floor. "Exhausted!" someone [illegible]. "Bravo," everyone chorused.

They say they can't wait for the next reunion, scheduled in 2012 in Cagayan de Oro, hosted by Joy Escaño at the Pryce Hotel.



"SUPER Troupers": Julian Margie Lhuillier, Petite Garcia and Margarita Santamaria and the entire cast of the "Mamma Mia"-inspired show at Casino Español de Cebu





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Sunday LifeStyle

The look of love



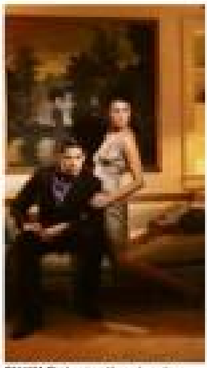
ON HER: Nicole Miller gold strapless mermaid satin ruched dress, earrings from Swarovski. On him: Gray casual blazer and long sleeved button-down polo, both from Hartford; gray suit and gray linen scarf from CBPL Moda, pants from Perry Ellis

Jump-start your romantic Valentine date with the perfect outfit

WITH VALENTINE'S DAY just around the corner, it's time to put on the perfect outfit for that date with a special someone. Head on over to premier shopping destination Rustan's to find all your Valentine's essentials.

Whether it's a casual movie date or getaway to some of the most romantic places in the metro, like the Peninsula Manila Hotel, Rustan's has pieces to suit any form of celebration. Stand out from the crowd in classic, timeless pieces that Rustan's is best known for.

Women: find dresses from Nicole Miller and BCBGeneration as the perfect look to don as they celebrate love in sophisticated yet romantic settings. Affecting yet subtle, designs from these brands are sure to catch the eye of all the men in the room. Pair these off with shoes and bags from Mixu, Jessica McClintock and Carlo Pellati to epitomize romance. Add the pièce de résistance to a glamorous outfit with accessories from Swarovski and Liz Claiborne.



ON HIM: Black cotton blazer, lavender button-down dress shirt and trousers from Perry Ellis. On her: Nicole Miller metallic sequin cocktail dress, shoes from Mixu, earrings from Swarovski, bag from BCBG Max Azria





Bench's iconic pieces are on sale-display at 'Objects, Garments, Ornaments: A Pinoy Lab Exhibit'





Piolo Pascual's jacket, Jake Cuenca's jumpsuit—they're up for grabs







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The look of love







Celebrate Valentine's at Mediterranean-inspired island in Cavite

ISLAND COVE HOTEL AND LEISURE Park will hold a Valentine Concert, featuring the Hits of the '80s, Gino Padilla, Louie Heredia, Randy Santiago, Raymond Lauchengco, with special guest Eddie Baredad.

The concert will be held at the Tejeros Grand Ballroom on Feb. 12, 7 p.m. Tickets are at P3,000 with dinner, and P1,880 without dinner. Tickets are available at all Ticket Net outlets located at the SM Department Store Customer Service Area, Araneta Coliseum ticket booths and Island Cove Hotel and Leisure Park. Call 911-9338/3023839 7878.

The Valentine Concert Package is likewise offered at The Island Cove Hotel for P9,800. Included in the package are a superior room accommodation, tickets to the Hits of the '80s concert, breakfast in bed, body massage, entrance to Dreamia Water Park, box of pralines, free Wi-Fi access and many more. The package is good for two and valid only on Feb. 12. Avail of the same package, without the dinner for two, for P7,800.

On Feb. 14, have a Valentine dinner buffet at the Fishing Village. This offering is valued at P499 for adults and P198 for children.

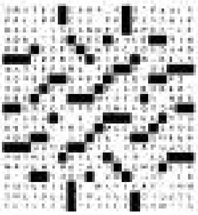
Celebrate the Lunar New Year on Feb. 13 and watch a lion dance. On Feb. 12-14, have a Chinese Lauriat at Sunglee Point Bar and Grill for P999.

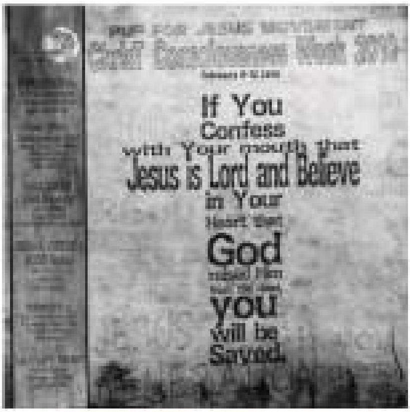
On Feb. 20, avail of Island Cove's Anniversary Hotel Promo for P3,012. The promo includes a superior room accommodation good for two kids and two adults, buffet breakfast for two, free entrance to Dreamia Water Park, use of local pool and jacuzzi, discount on Animal Island's entrance fee, use of the steam room and many more.

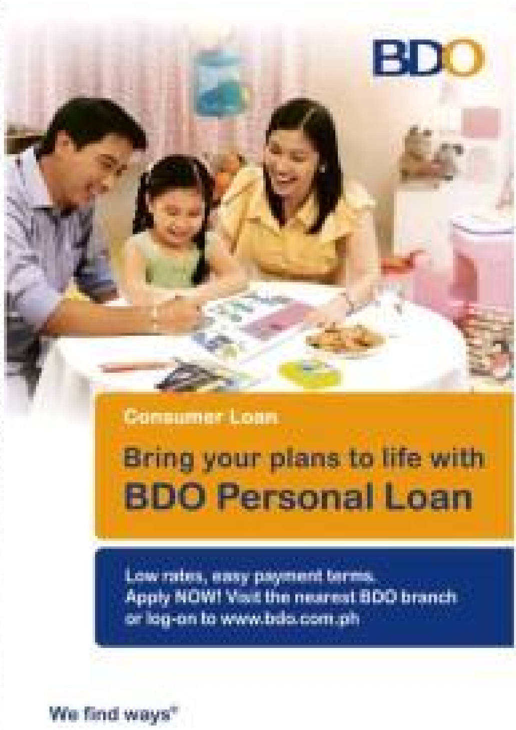
Island Cove Hotel and Leisure Park is ISO 9001:2000 certified and accredited by the Department of Tourism as an "AAA" resort. Located in Kawit, Cavite, this Mediterranean-inspired island is only 45 minutes away from Manila.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE



Space clearing

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

THEY SAW GENERAL CLEANing of storage spaces also clears sticky cobwebs from one's soul and leaves spaces for breathing. I had also hoped, with mop and basahan, to clear my days of the clutter of too many social obligations, and have the rest of my life to completely call my own.

It is time for soul-clearing too...A bodega is the summary of the odds and ends of one's existence

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ENTERTAINMENT



Cameron and ex face off for Oscar Best Director

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD


Ruben V. Nepales


KATHRYN Bigelow could also be the first woman to win the award.

LOS ANGELES—KATHRYN BIGELOW has a tantalizing prospect ahead of her. She has a chance to make history come Oscar day on March 7. Thanks to her terrific "little" film, "The Hurt Locker," Kathryn could be the first woman to win the Academy's Best Director award.

Kathryn created a masterpiece of suspense in "The Hurt Locker," which follows an elite US military bomb squad in Iraq. The story of three army EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) specialists, played by Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie and Brian Geraghty, was written by Mark Boal, who was embedded with such a unit in Baghdad in 2004. Evangeline Lilly of "Lost" is also in the cast while Ralph Fiennes, Guy Pearce and David Morse make cameo appearances.

The filmmaker's chances of breaking the male stranglehold of the top award category lie

CAMERON [illegible]







CHOOSE YOUR Valentine SHOW

David Benoit Live in Manila



BITUIN Escalante

Men of the '80s



GERARD Salonga



GINO Padilla, Louie Heredia, Randy Santiago and Raymond Lauchengco

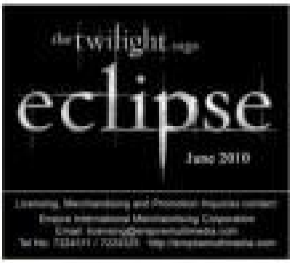
Cameron and ex face off for Oscar Best Director



Female sensibility

Reportorial piece





'Bored' tonight

THE NEW HBO comedy series "Bored to Death" airs its eight-episode first season daily starting tonight at 9 on HBO Signature and weekly starting Feb. 22 at 9 p.m. on HBO and HBO HD.

Created by Jonathan Ames, the series follows the misadventures of a fictional Jonathan Ames as he pursues his episodic dream of emulating his heroes from classic private detective novels.

It stars Jason Schwartzman as Jonathan Ames, Ted Danson as high-profile magazine editor George Christopher and Zach Galifianakis as comic book illustrator Ray Hueston, Jonathan's confidant.

Kids' edition

Tonight, junior "detectives" [illegible] answer kids' toughest questions about people's favorite animals in [illegible] on GMA-7 after [illegible].

With [illegible] and animal experts, the series attempts to answer questions like: [illegible] with each other? Do owls only come out at night? Can a parrot [illegible]?

Presidential forum

[illegible] hosts "Harapan 2010: The TV5 and PPCRV Presidential Forum" today at the Miriam College Auditorium to be telecast on TV5 at 9:30 p.m.

Organized by the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), in cooperation with TV5 News and Public Affairs, the forum features the 10 presidential aspirants, with [illegible] as moderator.










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Celebrating good times with PLDT Bilis Kabit in
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Jubilation was in the faces of many people in Caloocan, Makati, Parañaque and Siniloan in Laguna last weekend. The reason? They had their new phone lines connected in an instant – courtesy of PLDT Bilis Kabit.
The fiesta celebration of Barangay Pio del Pilar in Makati was made merrier as residents anticipated getting their much-awaited landlines as soon as possible. They were not disappointed.
It was the same expectant mood that greeted the PLDT teams in Caloocan, Parañaque and Siniloan. Prospective subscribers were thrilled when told they would have their PLDT Landline, PLDT myDSL, PLDT Landline Plus and PLDT Call All within 24 hours.
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ENTERTAINMENT

Badmouthing a friend

POPULAR STAR CONSIDERS Top Director a loyal friend.

In the past, PS gave TD several high-profile jobs. But recently PS' supporters overheard TD making less-than flattering comments about PS.

"She's fat, not slim," TD described PS in front of colleagues.

Another Tapped friend, TD's cohort, dismissed PS as inactive: "Just because there are younger, prettier and more talented stars out there, PS is acting up."

A true friend of PS' commented: "Maybe TD and M are just laying the blame on PS for the failure of their own projects."

RUSHES SUNDAY

Replacing 'Sis'

Curiously, the new show that will replace GMA 7's morning flagship show "Sis" is no longer the Manny Pangilinan program "Tedu Bigay."

Tape Inc., producer of the

BADMOUTHING/H4



DONE DEAL

Dolphy looks happy in the company of TV5 chair Manny V. Pangilinan (R) and President/CEO Ray C. Espinosa, after the Comedy King signed a non-exclusive contract with the network.



Tita Boots could've danced all night

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Andrew Tadalan

EVERYONE IN THE BUSINESS loves Tita Boots Anson-Roa.

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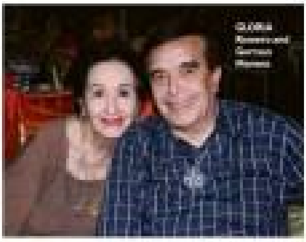
PARTY! PARTY!



ANNABELLE Rama



BOOTS Anson-Roa marks her 65th with a party for Mowelfund.



GLORIA Romero and German Moreno

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The party wrapped up at 1:30 a.m. but Tita Boots could've danced all night.

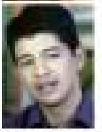
Courting Sarah—not!

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE LAST CHRISTMAS SEAson was tough on young actor Rayver Cruz, who spent it without his dad for the first time.

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RAYVER says Sarah is "worth the wait."

All for mom

[illegible]

Four more years

[illegible]

Totally new

[illegible]

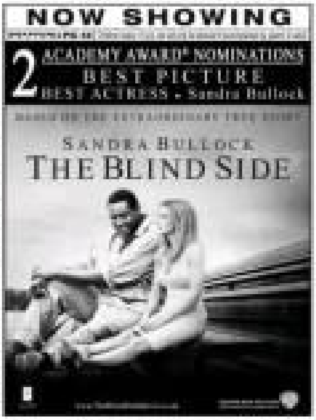
Fortune-telling as a pre-Valentine treat



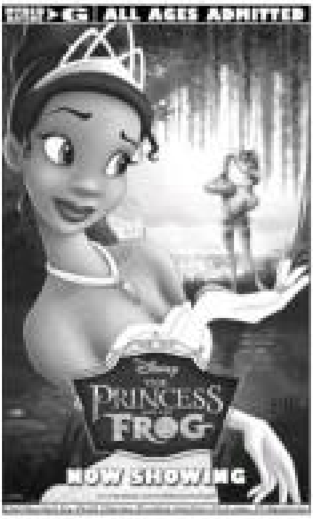






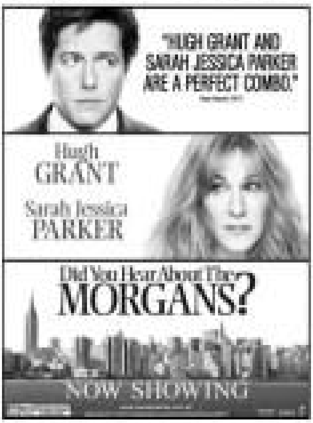


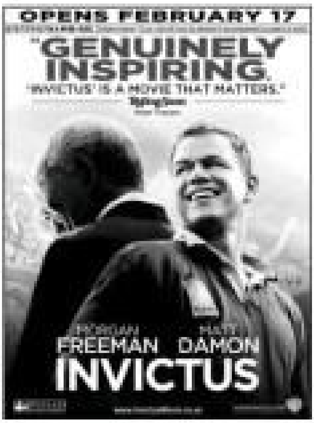






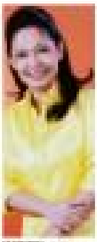








Badmouthing a friend, and other surprises





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By Armin Adina

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COLIN FIRTH, with co-star Julianne Moore, was nominated Tuesday for Oscar Best Actor for his role here. Julianne Moore co-stars in the movie directed by fashion designer Tom Ford.

A life played to perfection

Colin Firth dazzles in radiant 'A Single Man'

REVIEW

A SINGLE MAN" EASILY could have been one of those style-over-substance visual dazzlers, coming as it does from Tom Ford, the fashion designer who revived the house of Gucci.

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Gorgeous

Adapted by Ford and co-writer David Scearce from a Christopher Isherwood novel, "A Single Man" gorgeously recreates 1960s design and dress [illegible]

Tragic, simple

[illegible]

Familiarity

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Not in novel

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"YOU need all the help and all the kindness you can get," says John Travolta.

John Travolta talks about son

NEW YORK—AFTER A YEAR OF unimaginable grief, John Travolta has returned to work. [illegible]

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